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FEDORE, DUKE DISCUSS  
STUDENTS, DRUGS

MISSOULA--

Sensitivity to student concerns is improving the relationships between the student body and the administration and faculty at the University of Montana, according to Dr. Robert R. Fedore, UM dean of students.

In an address entitled "Student Life," Dr. Fedore said the University as a whole has been benefiting in recent years because the UM faculty and administration, under the leadership of UM President Robert T. Pantzer, have enabled students to be more active and assume a greater role in University affairs.

Dr. Fedore made the remarks Saturday (Feb. 6) as he joined other faculty members and administrators in presenting a series of discussions during the annual winter meeting of the UM Council of 50. Other speakers included Dr. Victor H. Duke, a professor of pharmacology at UM, who discussed "Drug Abuse."

Focusing on the additional freedoms UM students now have at the University, Dr. Fedore said, however, that the UM administration's liberal attitude toward student involvement in campus activities has been accompanied by the "accountability" the students must assume for their own actions.

"The old concept of the University acting in loco parentis (in place of a parent), has been changing drastically in recent years," Dr. Fedore emphasized. "Last spring the University Code of Student Conduct replaced general or ambiguous guidelines for student conduct."

To help make them feel a part of University life and give them "a real sense of responsibility," Dr. Fedore said students have been appointed to 16 UM faculty committees.

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The University last fall established an elaborate judicial process for students, faculty and staff, including a system of courts. The UM Student Court is composed of two faculty members, two staff members and a graduate student.

Dr. Fedore, who has been at UM since July 1970, said the Student Court "lets students know they are partners in forming the regulations and that they also are a part of dealing with violators" of the new conduct code.

He said the increased student involvement in campus affairs is the result of an effort "to express our concern as human beings to them."

In his discussion entitled "Drug Abuse," Dr. Duke said he feels "advertising is responsible to a great degree" for much of the drug abuse which is taking place in our society, including the abuse on grade school, high school and college levels.

He said the stereotyped idea of drug pushers "in trench coats and wide-brimmed hats" is not true, but that young drug takers generally get drugs from their friends in school or on college campuses.

Regarding the influence of marijuana on the ingestion of another drug, Dr. Duke said he feels "it is most unusual for the individual who uses marijuana to go on to heroin."

Dr. Duke said he is "most afraid of amphetamines" such as diet pills because many people who use them "become very aggressive, have feelings of omnipotence and often are very paranoid."

Concerning treatment, Dr. Duke said he feels it is best to react to drug abuse "from an educational standpoint, rather than from an emotional one." He said dialogue between parents and children is very useful in strengthening the feelings the youngsters have for their own importance in the home.

The UM Council of 50 meets twice each year to learn about various aspects of University life and to relate this information to residents in their respective communities.